



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook September 22 - 28, 2016

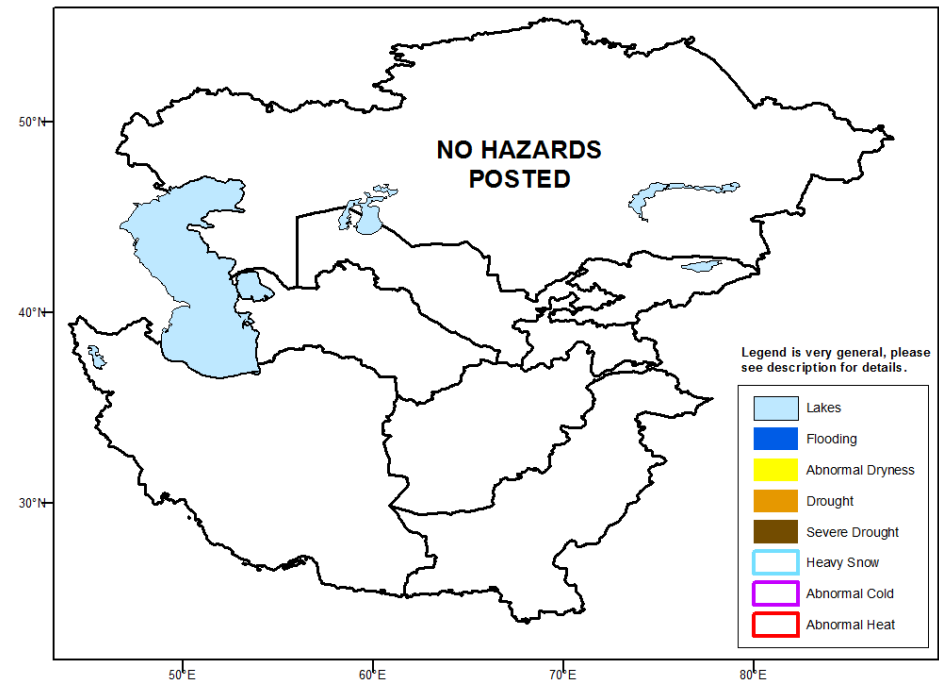
Temperatures:

Near to above-normal temperatures were observed across most of the region from September 11 to 17. However, slightly below-normal temperatures were observed across western Kazakhstan. The GFS model indicates that above-normal temperatures are likely to prevail across Central Asia during the next week. Minimum temperatures are forecast to remain above freezing except for the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

A low pressure system and cold front resulted in widespread rainfall (10 to 40 mm) across northwestern Kazakhstan. Elsewhere, scattered showers (locally more than 25 mm) fell across northern Pakistan. The CPC unified gauge analysis indicates small precipitation deficits (less than 25 mm) limited to northeast Kazakhstan during the past 30 days.

The Indian Monsoon began its seasonal shift away from Pakistan earlier this month. Therefore, mostly dry weather is forecast across Pakistan. Mostly dry weather is also expected to prevail across most of the remainder of Central Asia with light precipitation amounts (less than 25 mm) confined to western Kazakhstan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.